

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Alaska Department
of Fish and Game**

Emergency Order No. 02-17-03

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska
December 19, 2003

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
December 22, 2003

Expiration Date: June 30, 2004
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska resident hunting season for moose in registration permit hunt RM575. The area open for this moose hunt includes that portion of Game Management Unit 17(A) east of the Togiak River and east of the Kemuk River. All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of GMU 17 are not affected by this emergency order. Permits will be available only at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak City office. Permits are available only to hunters who have not killed a moose during the current regulatory year.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
Unit 17(A)		
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1 antlered bull by registration permit; during the period	Dec. 22–Jan 4	No open season

Dec. 1–Jan. 31, a season of up
to 14 days may be announced
by emergency order
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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 17 are not affected by this emergency order.

Kevin Duffy
Commissioner

By delegation to: James D. Woolington
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game authorized a 14-day winter moose hunt season for antlered bulls only in GMU 17A. This period is set when weather and snow conditions are expected to be adequate to allow hunters to access hunting areas. Aerial surveys during February 2002 indicated a population of at least 652 moose in GMU 17A. High productivity and moose calf survival since then provides information to indicate that moose numbers in GMU 17A are believed to be sufficient to conduct this 14-day, antlered bulls only hunt. The area west of the Togiak River and Kemuk River is being kept closed under discretionary permit hunt conditions to encourage expansion of moose to areas west of GMU 17A.